

“Save DCI Forum”

Dear Brothers,

Sub: **Solidarity support for protest against privatization of Dredging Corporation of India (DCI)**

Seafarers to wear black arm bands as a mark of protest
The “Save DCI Forum” formed

The decision of the Government of India to privatize the Dredging Corporation of India (DCI) has sent shock waves with all those connected with DCI, specially, the seafarers working on DCI dredgers and shore based Staff of DCI.

The Maritime Union of India (MUI) and National Union of Seafarers of India (NUSI) have informed all Officers, Petty Officers and Ratings to await the union instructions and be ready for action against the privatization of DCI. MUI and NUSI have taken up the matter with the Government of India.

The shore based Staff Association of DCI went on agitation from 20th December, 2017. Today, to express solidarity and support to the agitation, MUI General Secretary, Shri Amar Singh Thakur and NUSI General Secretary-cum-Treasurer, Shri Abdulgani Y. Serang visited DCI office in Vizag and met all Staff members. The agitation of the DCI Staff members has paralyzed all DCI operations.

MUI and NUSI also gave financial assistance of Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs) each to the family of DCI Staff member Shri N. Venkatesh, who committed suicide against the privatization of DCI.

Today the **“Save DCI Forum”** was also formed involving the seafarers and shore based unions.

To express solidarity with the agitation of DCI Staff Association, all Officers, Petty Officers and Ratings onboard DCI dredgers are advised to wear **black arm bands or black badge** as a mark of protest against privatization of DCI.

The fight has started and all seafarers on board are advised to report ship-wise compliance to MUI on **mail@maritimeunionofindia.com** and to NUSI on **nusi@vsnl.com**

In Solidarity,

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DCI DR XII STAFF PROTESTING AGAINST PRIVATISATION OF DCI

